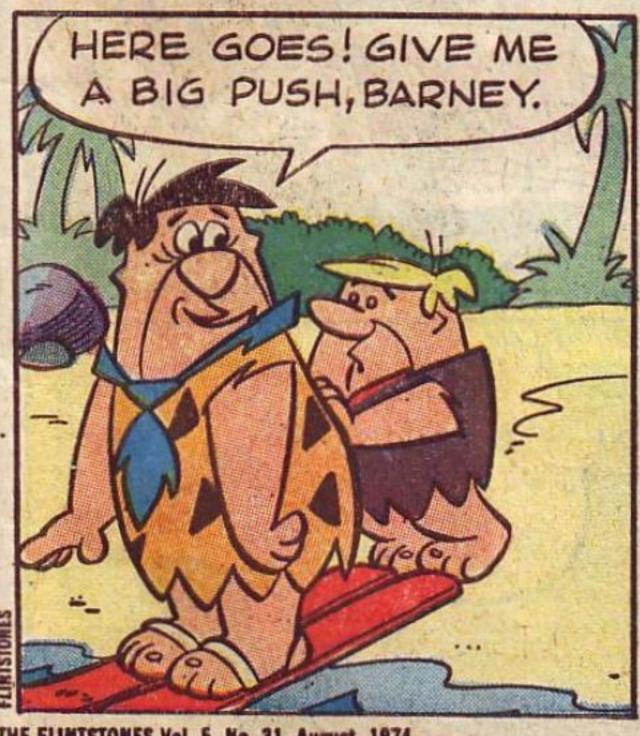


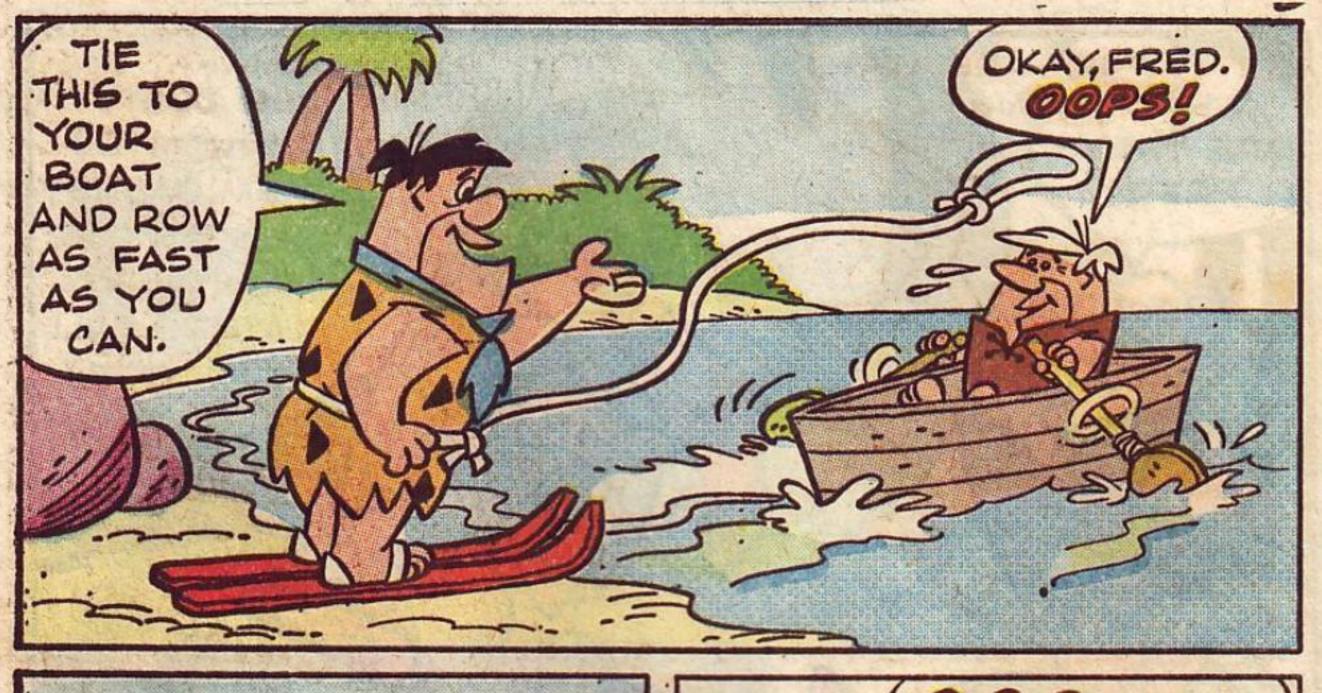
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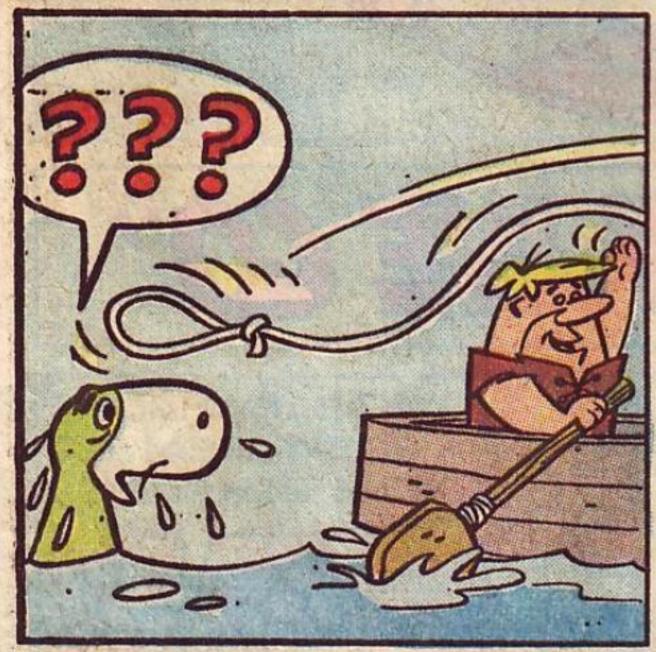




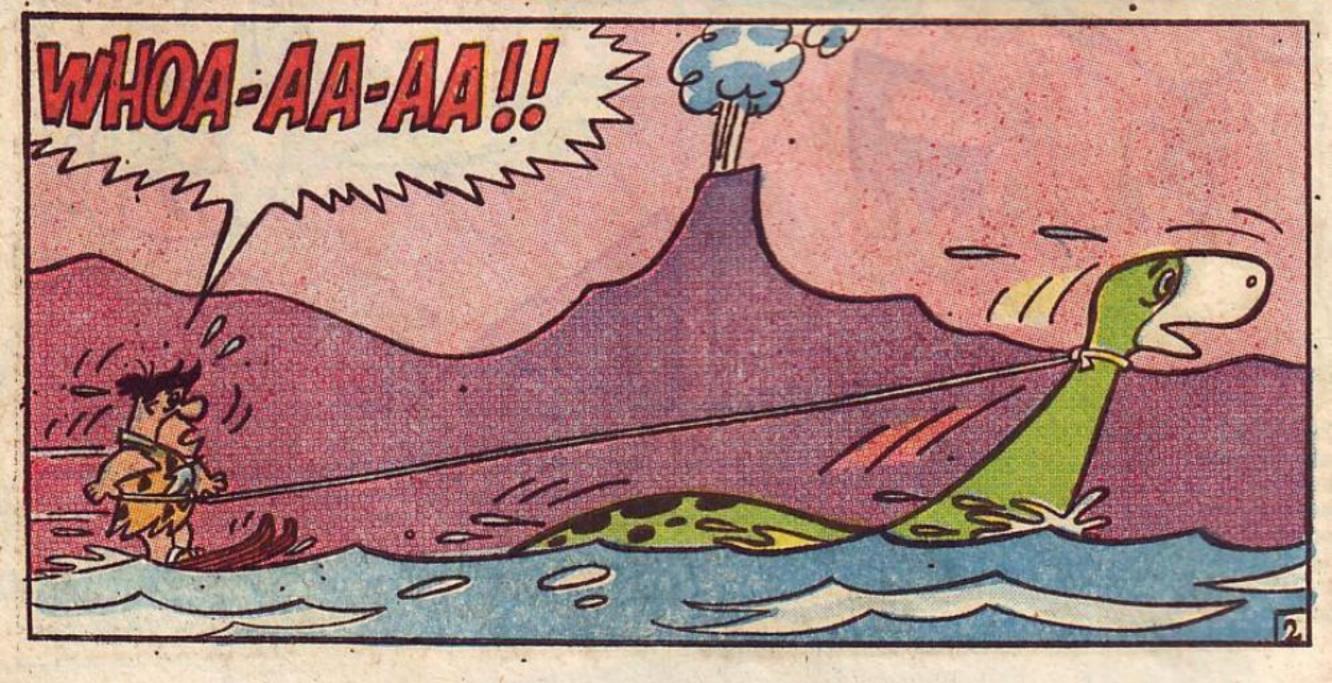
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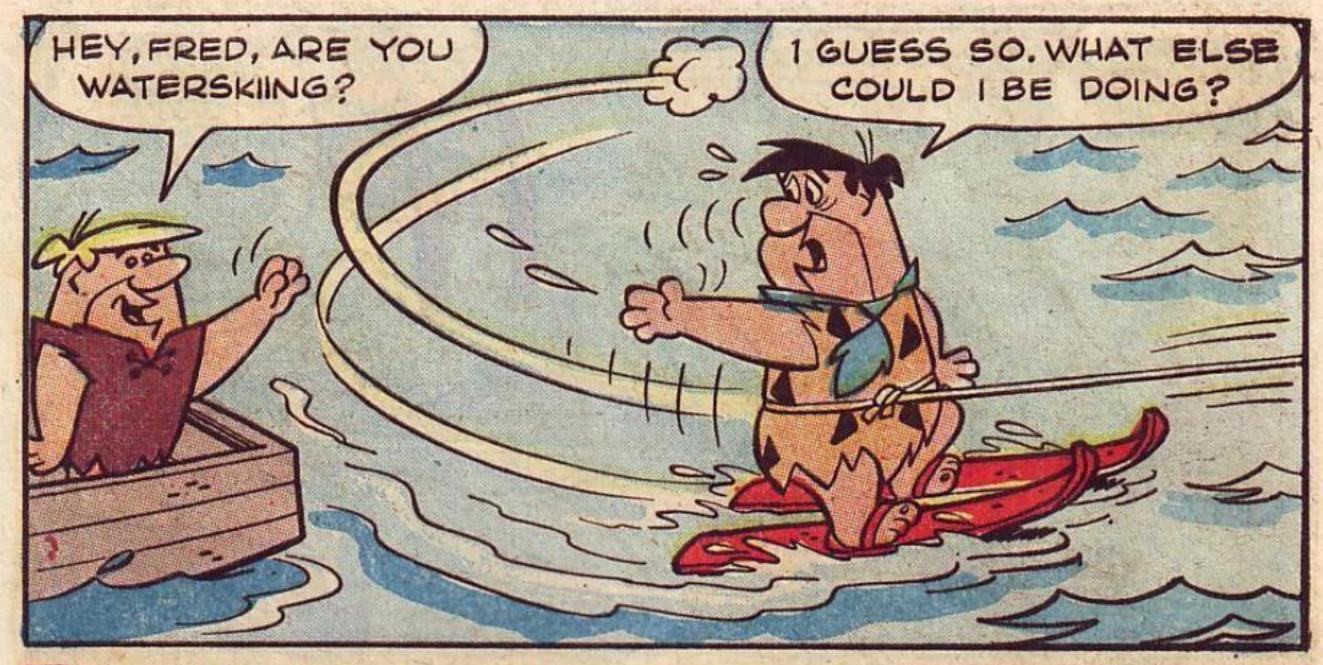
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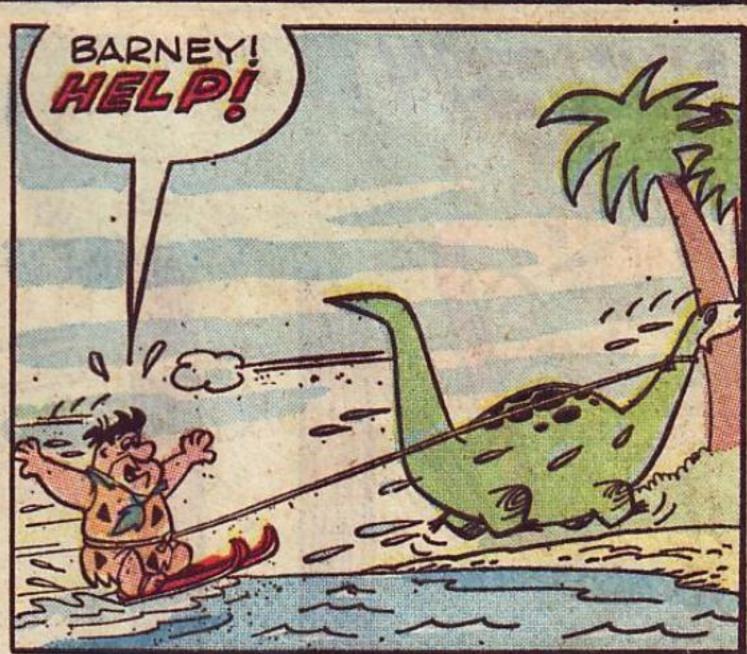


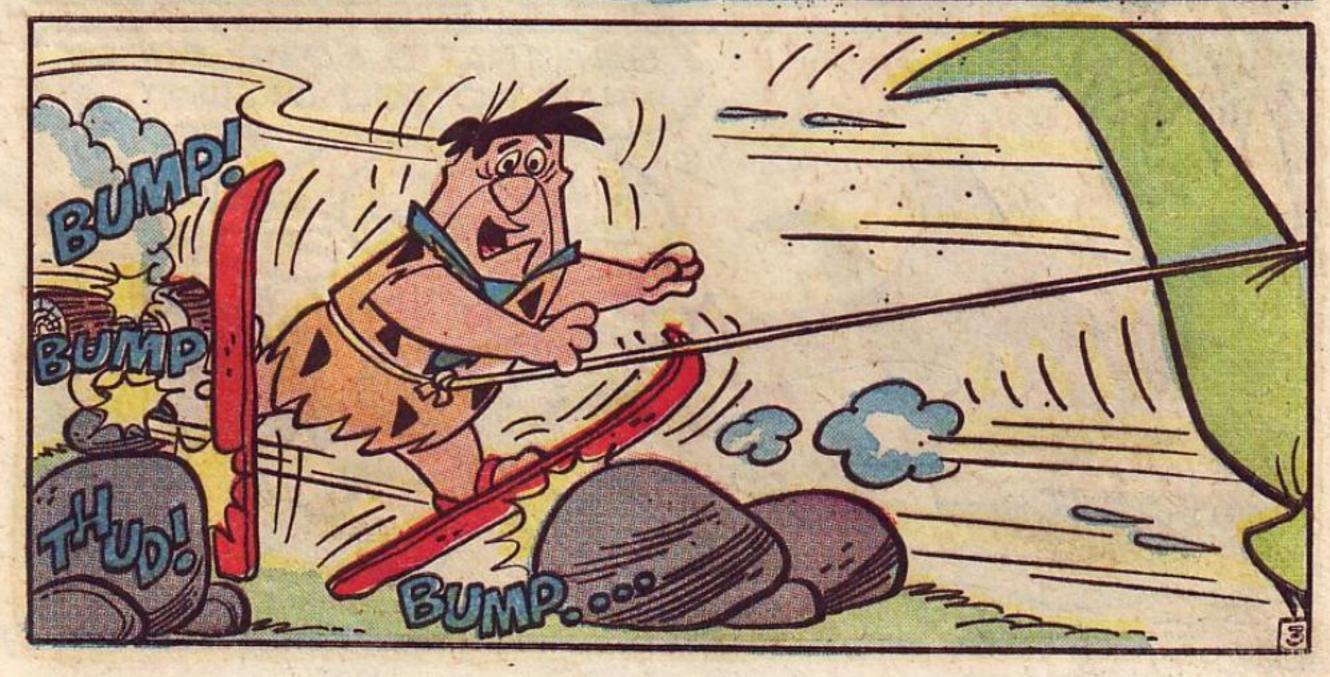


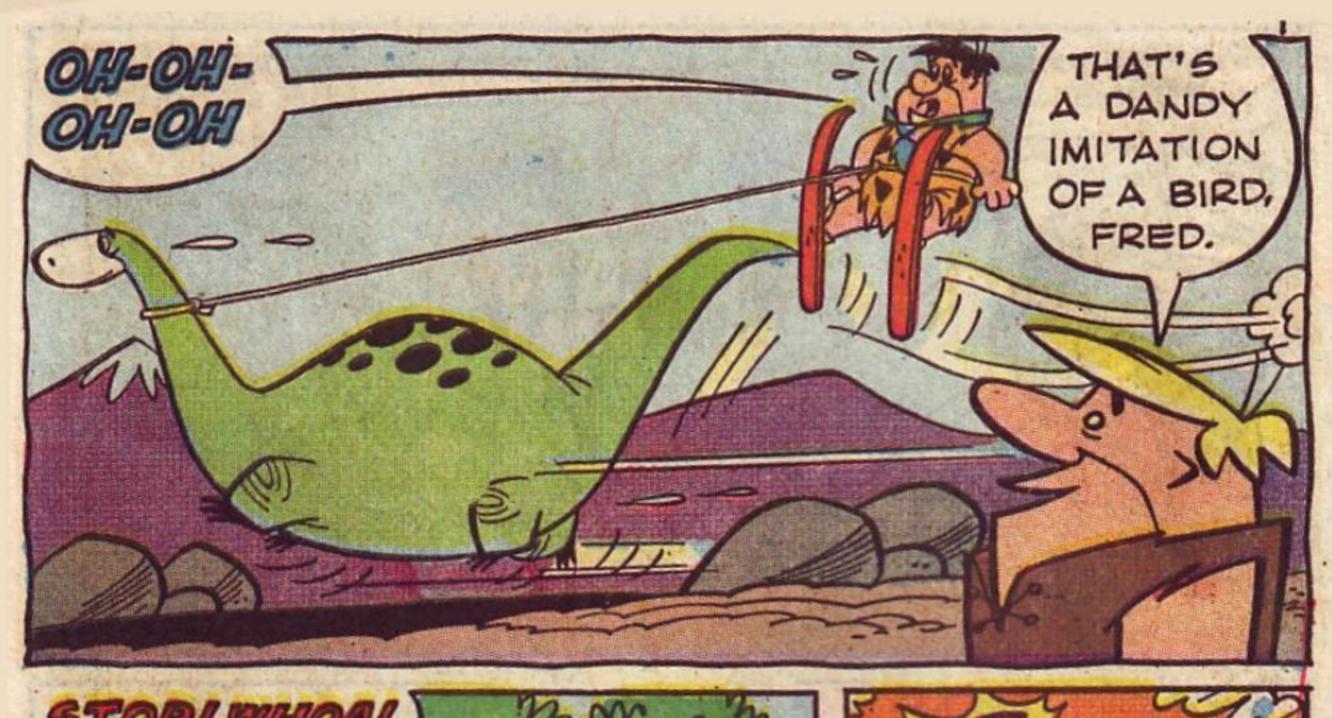








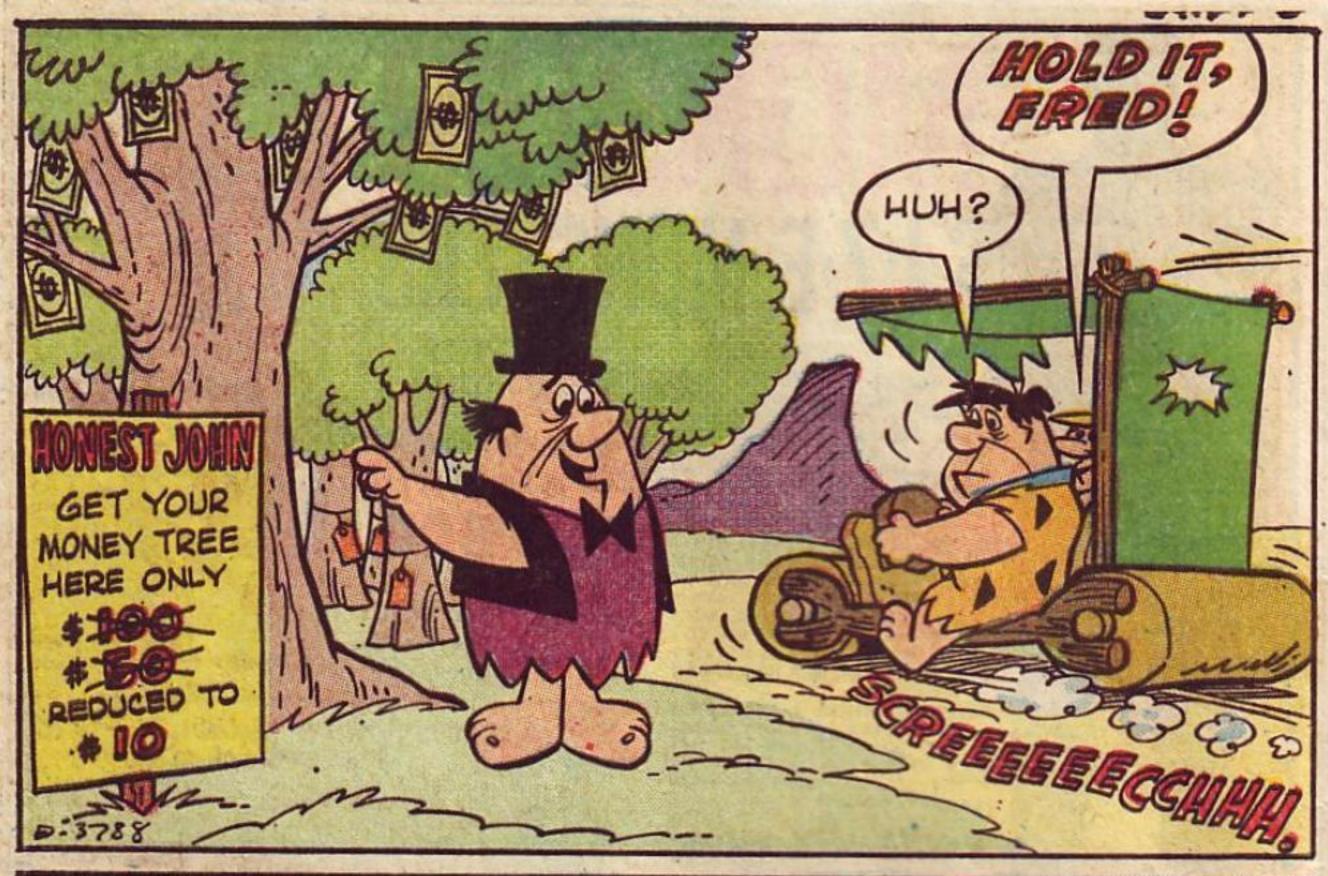








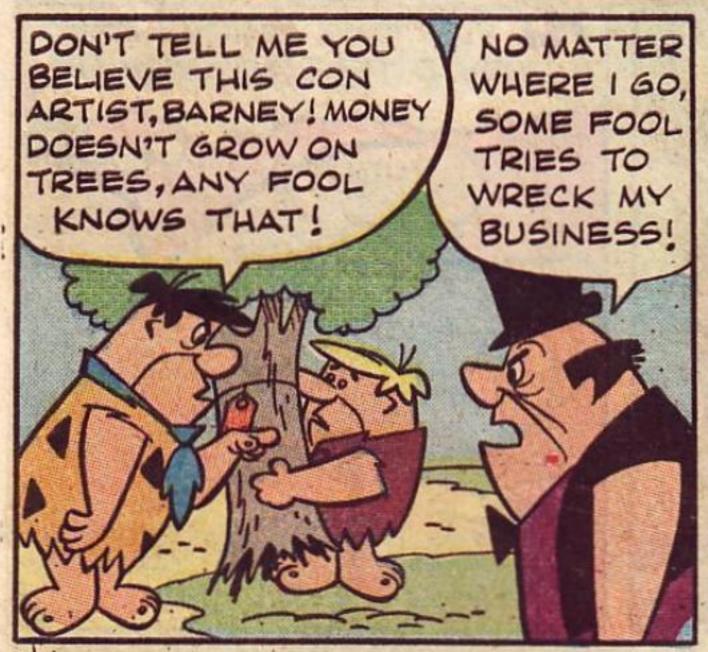




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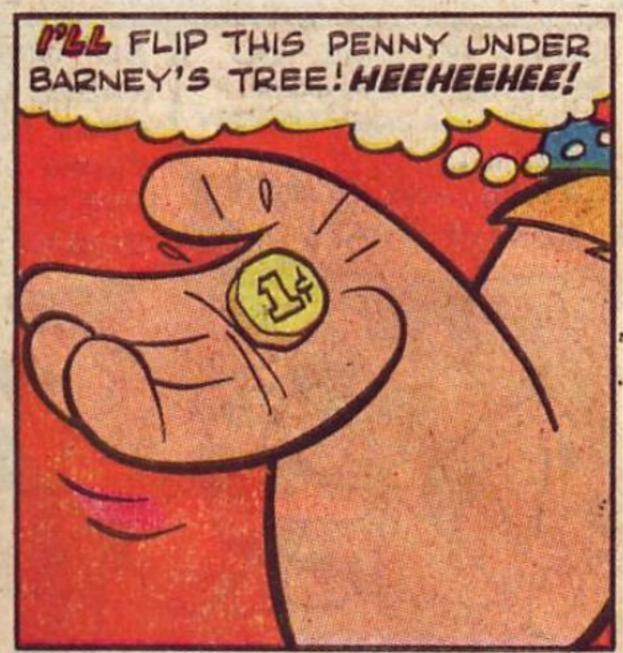










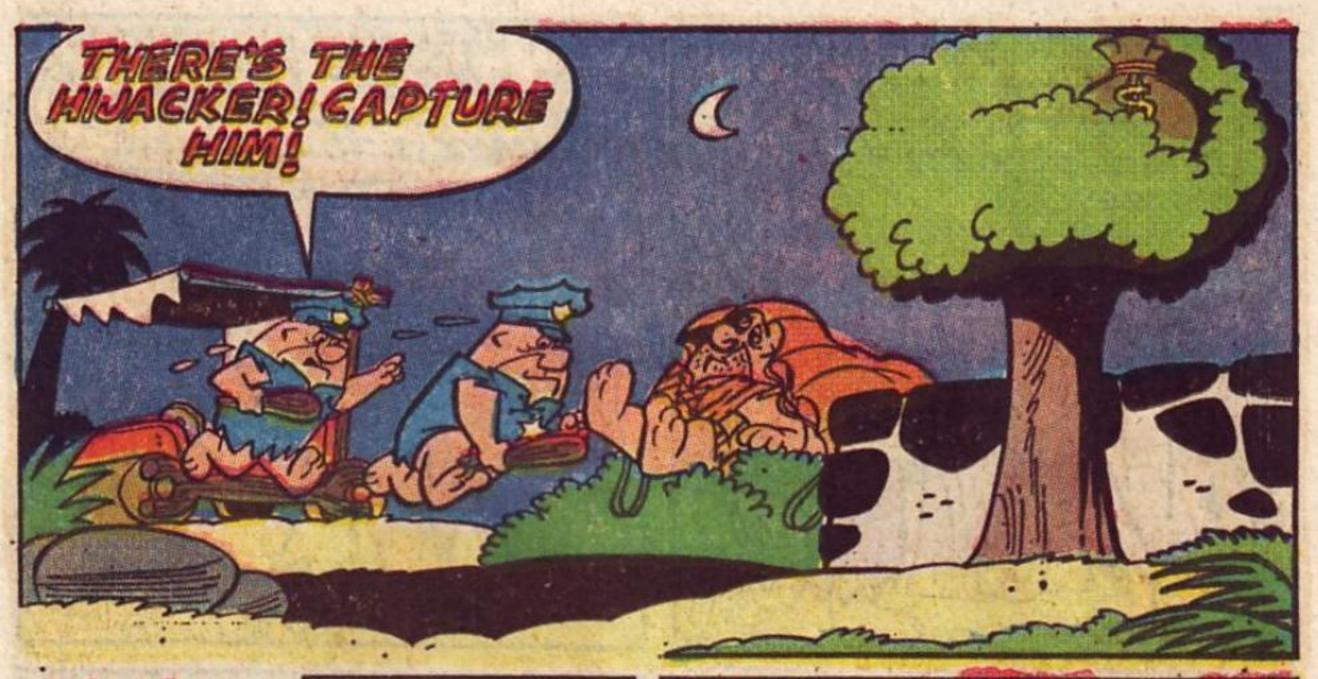












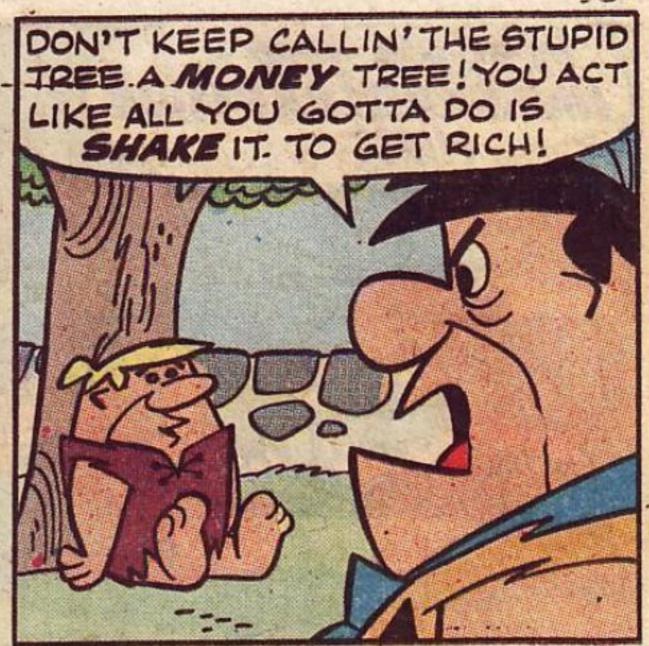


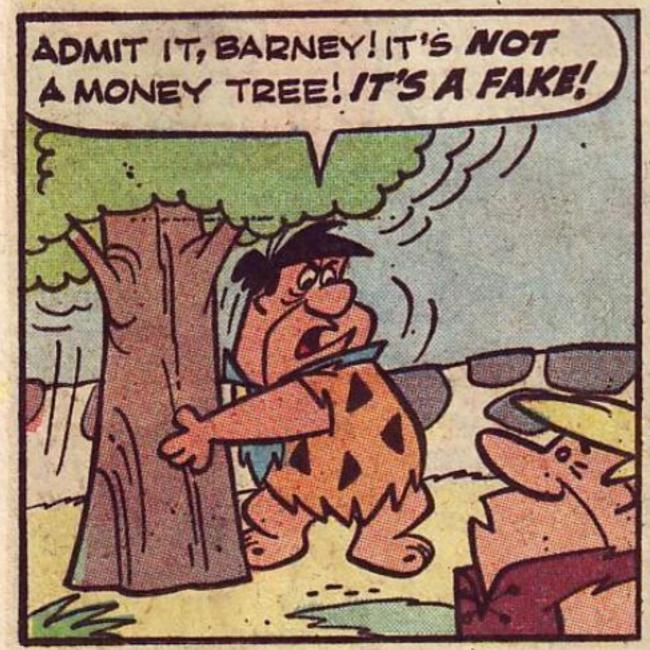


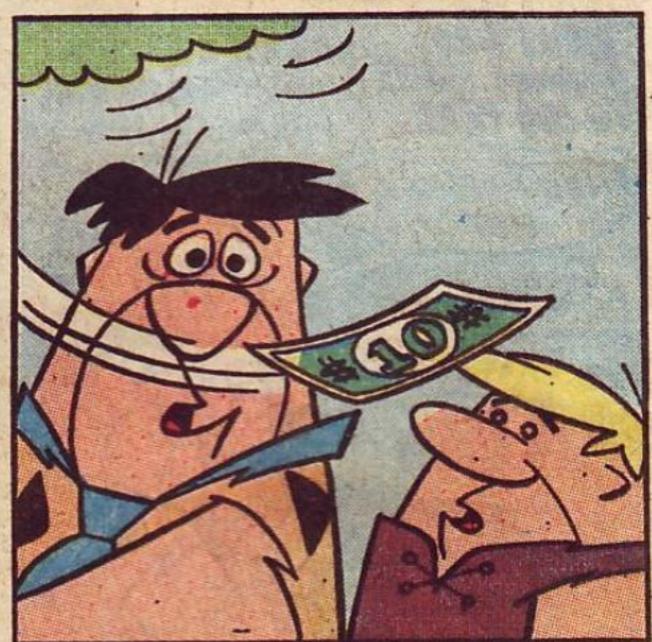














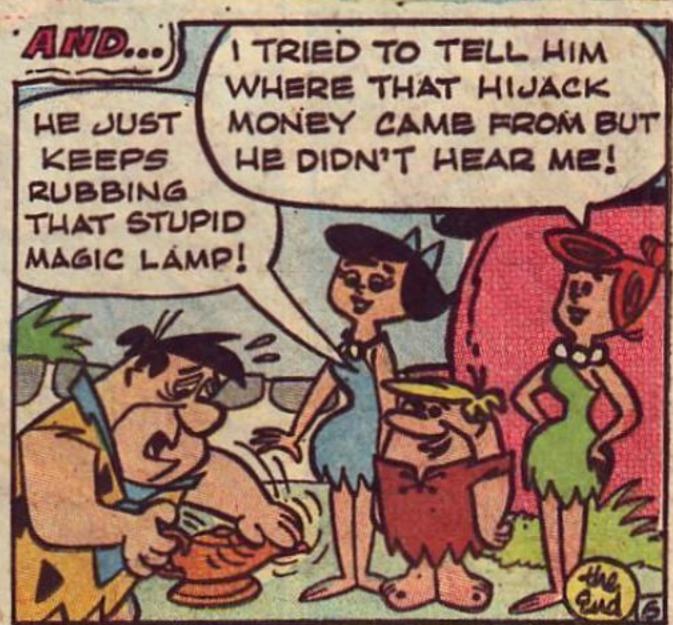














Fer more than thirty years I have taught those darling little kids in the grade schools. It has been necessary for me to give them tests on what they should have studied. Sometimes it is written and other times oral. One thing is certain: if teacher is not clear in pronouncing a word or doesn't make the meaning clear of a thought, those little kids will give you unusual answers. The kids always enjoyed trying to catch teacher with a riddle or puzzle. Or find something that the teacher doesn't know. And how happy a boy or girl is when this has been done.

The day's lesson was concerned with measurements. I made this statement: "There are twelve eggs exactly in a dozen." Then I told Peter who seemed to be day dreaming to go up to the board and write what I had said. As he got into the aisle, I heard little Ethel say the sentence over to him. This is what he wrote on the board:

"There are twelve eggs eggsactly in a dozen." Of course the students laughed. Then Jimmy raised his hand.

"My father told me that there are thirteen rolls in a baker's dozen. How come you get an extra roll and not an extra egg?"

I wasn't too sure of myself. I heard of this before. So I told the class:

"Rolls had to be sold by the weight also. To be sure the baker didn't break the law he gave you an extra roll."

Then Martha got a brilliant idea. "If in each roll there was one egg, then that really means if you have thirteen egg rolls, you have thirteen eggs. Isn't that so?"

"Did you ever see an egg roll?" said Janice. "I once went to an Easter Party. They colored the eggs. First they boiled them so that they really were hard boiled eggs. And we rolled them on the ground."

How did I get into all of this? What were my students going to do with eggs? I had a funny feeling down the back of my spine that they were taking the lesson away from me. Teddy raised his hand. He had a question to ask.

"I know that when a person is a good person, they sometimes say he is a good egg. How did they get that expression?"

I didn't know the answer to that one. So I quickly said to him, "Ever hear the saying that you shouldn't put all your eggs in one basket? In business that means you shouldn't take a chance with all your money in one enterprise."

Then Jimmy had his contribution to make to the subject of eggs.

"It happened last Thursday during recess period when we were in the yard. Frankie and Thomas were arguing over something. Looked like a fight. Bernie told Frankie to go ahead and fight with Thomas. Then Mrs. Simpson came over. She said to Bernie: 'Don't egg him on.'"

At least I knew the explanation of that one. So I told the class that in this usage, the word egg meant to incite or urge. And then that gave me an idea. I remembered something when I was a boy. A most unusual game.

"In June when we go to the Winston Picnic Grounds for our annual spring day, we can play a game with eggs. It is called 'Egg-and-Dart.' We have five boys and girls. Each stands at a starting line. Each has a spoon. They must run to the other line. On the other line are five eggs. Pick up an egg and put it on a spoon. Then run back to the starting line. If you drop an egg you are out of the race. First one to arrive with the egg intact on the spoon is the winner."

They liked that idea. But they weren't as yet finished with eggs. Martha had her contribution to make

"Last year my mother took me to visit a friend of hers.
Who lived in Egg Harbor City. How did it get that
name?"

See what I mean? Kids can ask you questions and you haven't the answer ready for them. You don't know it yourself. So I quickly got out of that one.

"How many here have ever eaten eggs from an egg cup?" I asked them. That did the trick. About half of the class had egg cups at home. Then Elizabeth told the class she had gone to a Chinese restaurant. Had eggdrop soup and chow mein. I thought I was finished when Morris came up with his gem.

"We had eggplant for supper last week. If you plant an egg, do you get eggplant?"

Until next time and more about what kids do in a class.



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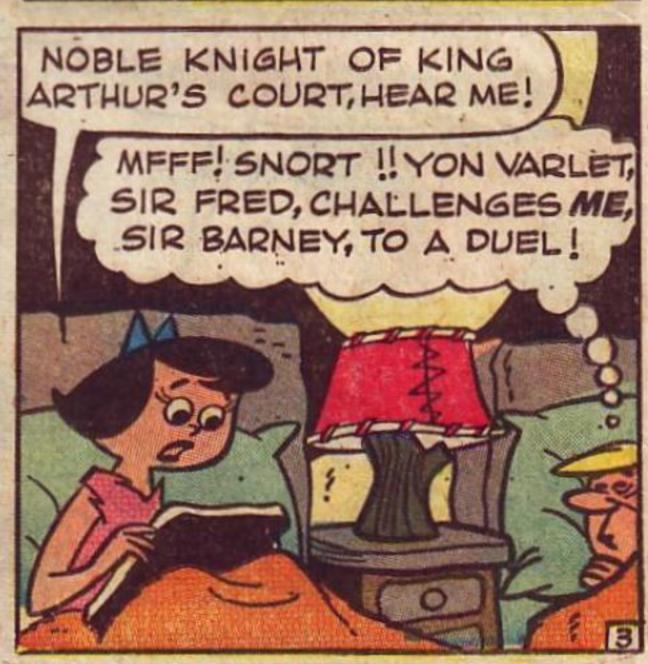






















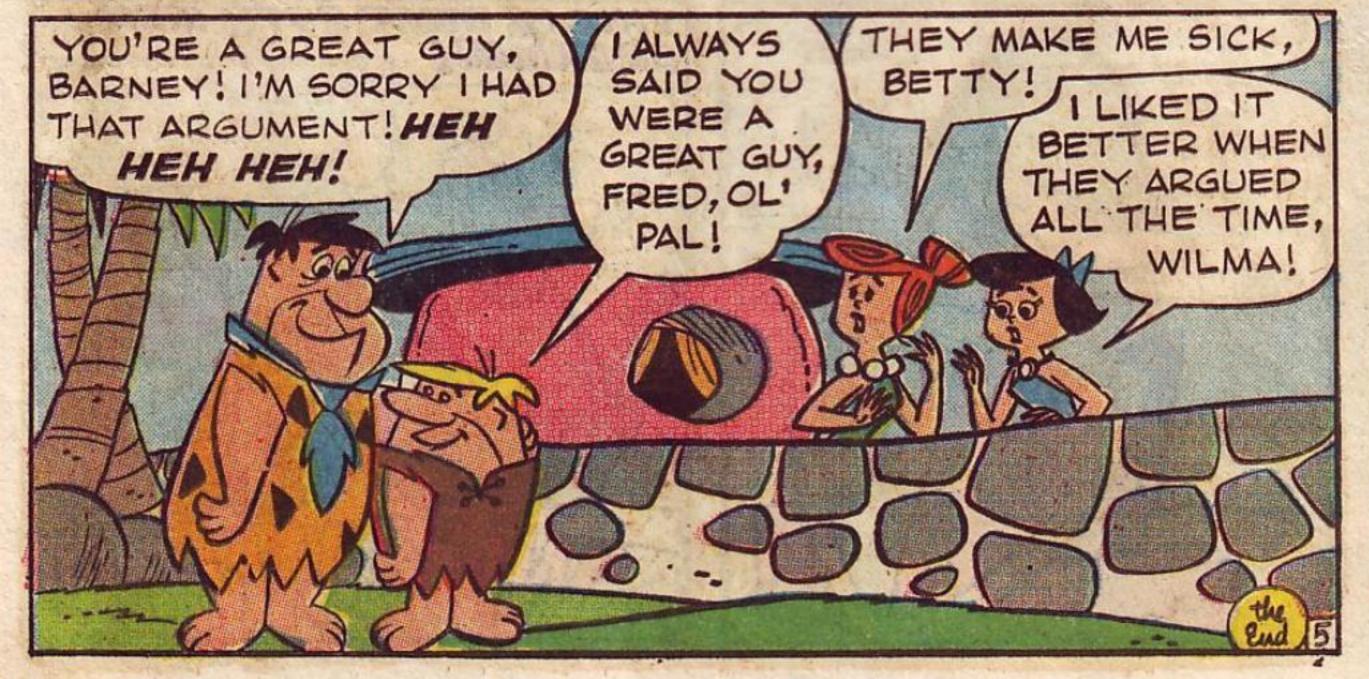




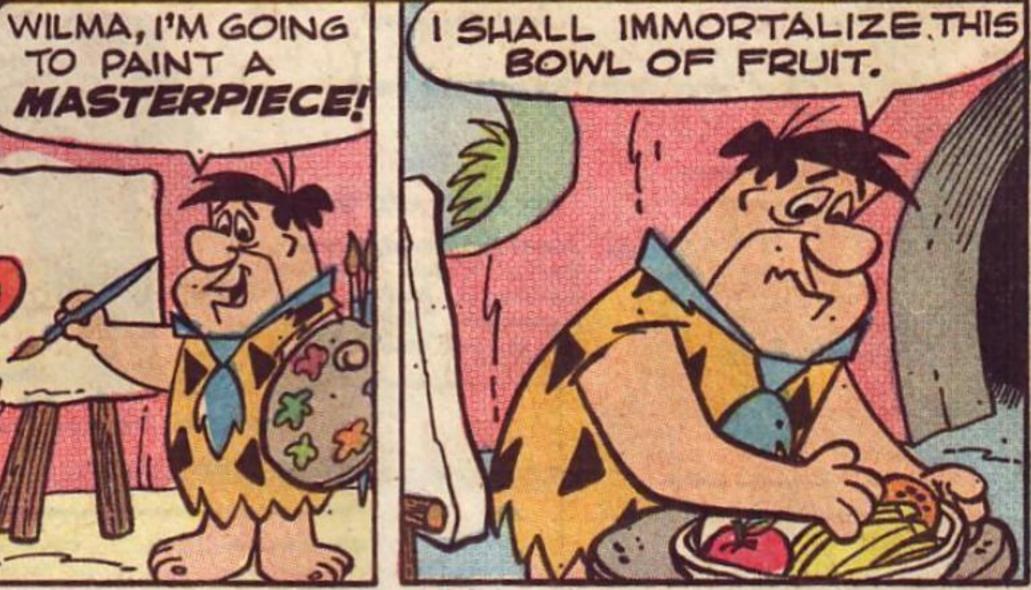








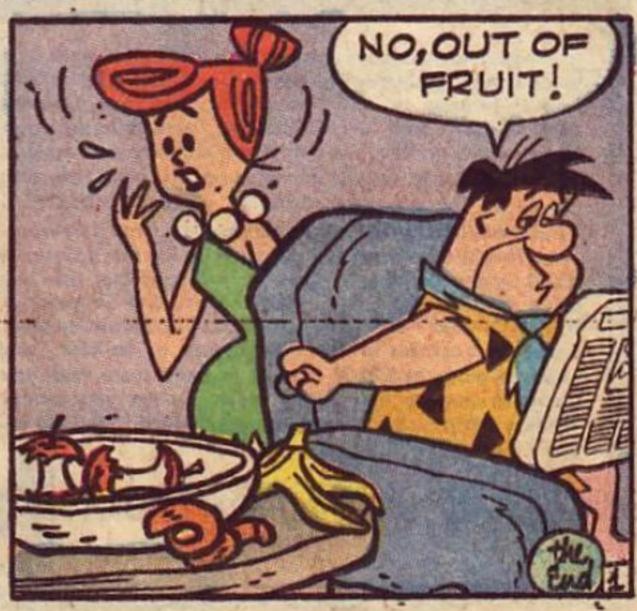


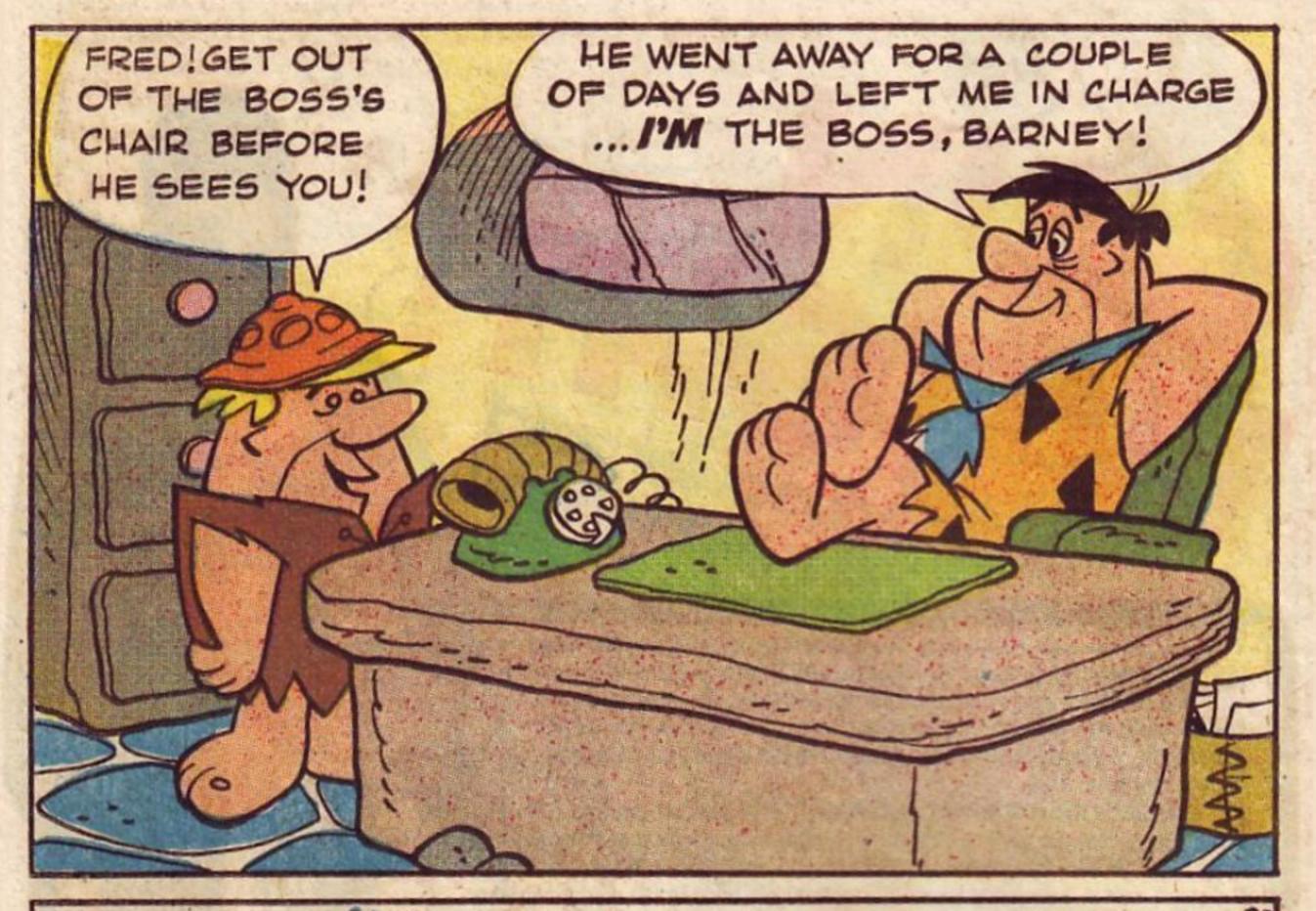












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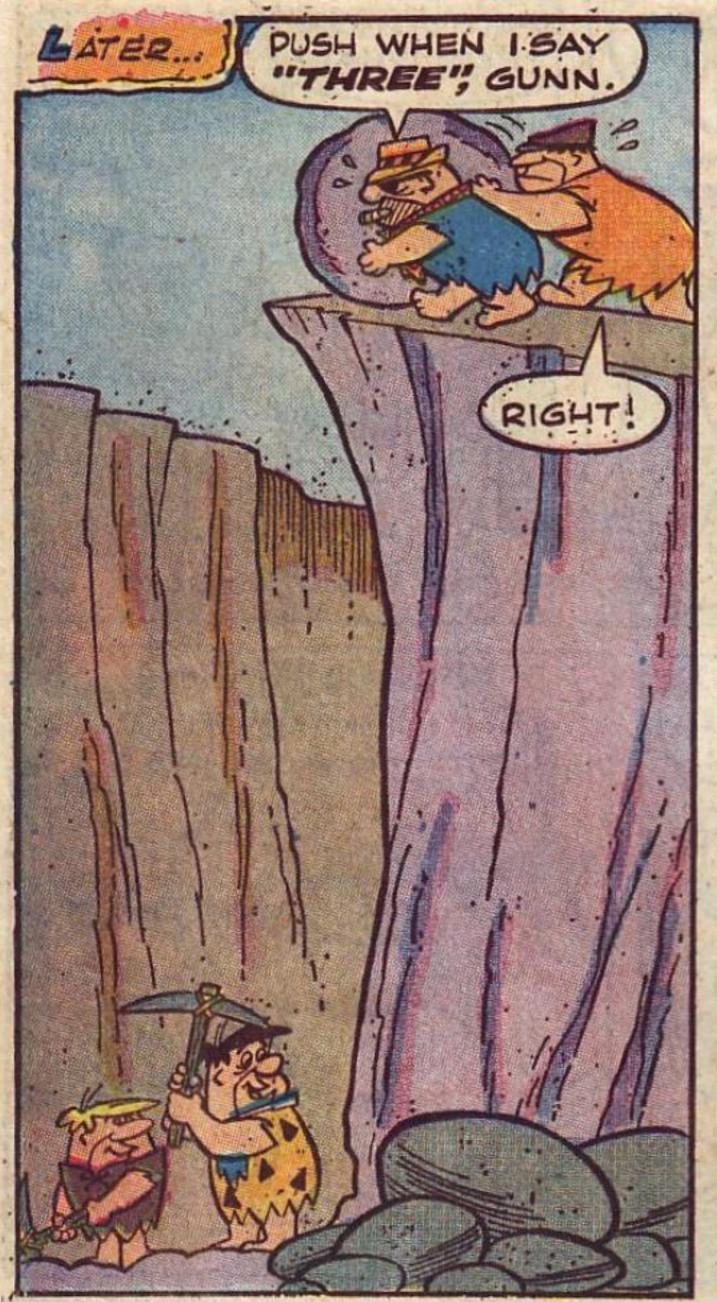










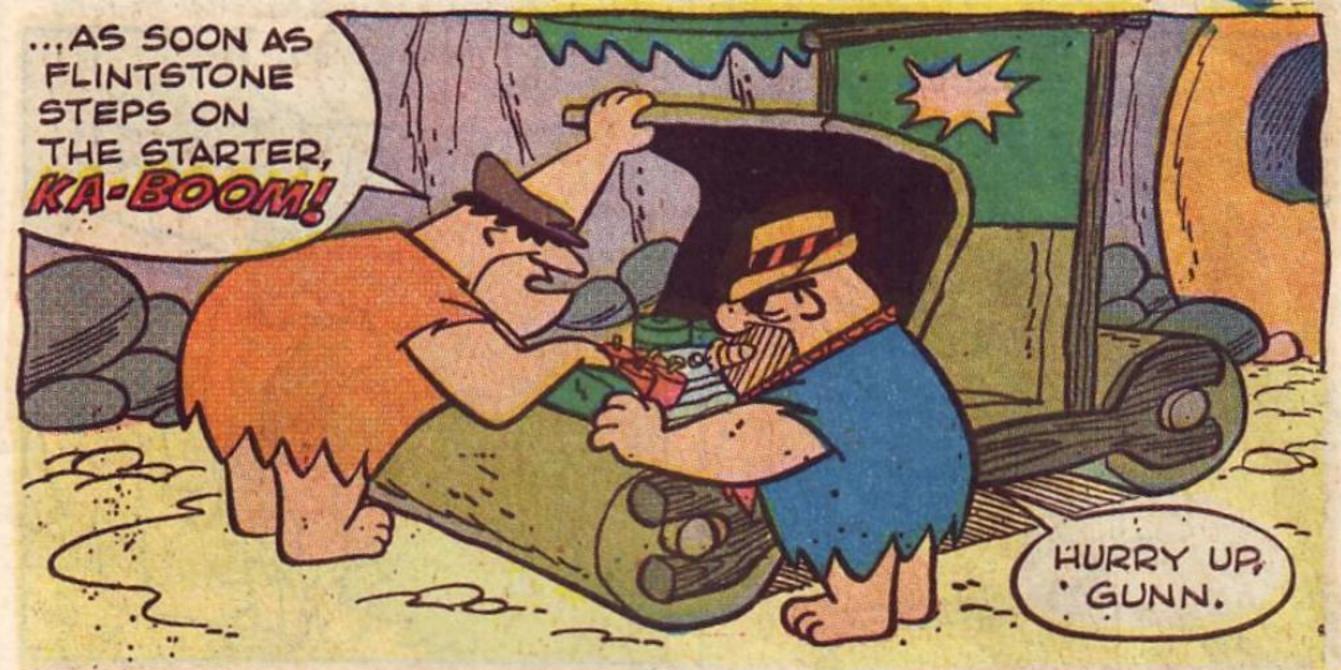










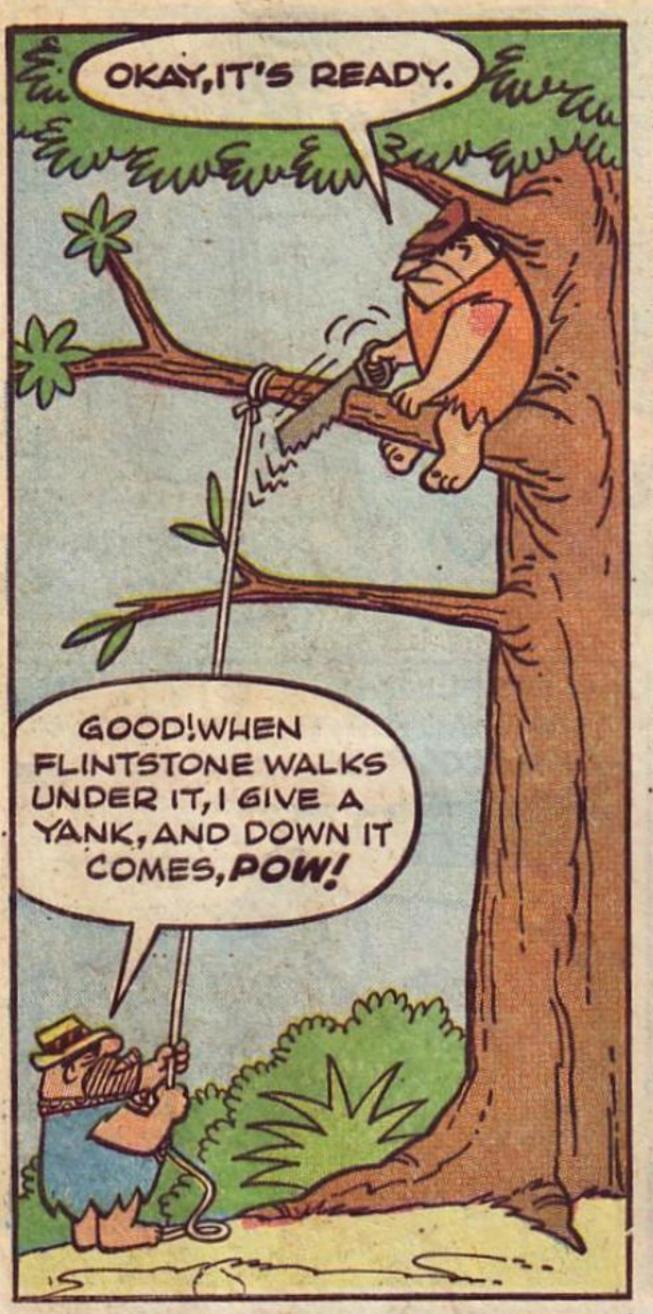




















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